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Mr. James W. van Loben Sels, Director
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Attention: Federal Resources Branch, Room 3500
for Mr. Garland Hagen

Dear Mr. van Loben Sels:

SUBJECT: 1996/97 - 1998/99 FSTIP AMENDMENT NUMBER 1

We have completed our review of Federal Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (FSTIP) Amendment Number 1 that was submitted with your letter dated January 10, 1997. This amendment adds FSTIP programming in fiscal years 1996/97 for the Transportation Activities Program (TEA) in the rural non-MPO areas of the State (not including Kings or Madera Counties). These projects were adopted into the State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) by the California Transportation Commission at their September 1996 meeting.

This letter constitutes FHWA/FTA joint approval and inclusion of Amendment No. 1 into California's 1996/97 - 1998/99 FSTIP. The projects programmed by this amendment are exempt from the requirement that a conformity determination be performed [40 CFR §93.134]. This approval is based on Caltrans' assurance that funding for the additional programming provided by this amendment is available within the constraints provided in the current FSTIP Financial Plan.

This finding has been coordinated with the Regional offices of Federal Transit Administration (FTA) and the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) in accordance with the procedures outlined in the Memorandum of Understanding, dated March 8, 1996, on single mode FSTIP amendments.

Sincerely yours,

For:
David H. Densmore
Division Administrator